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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ("MDAR") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L.C.128, SECTION 27, which requires the Commissioner of MDAR to hold a public hearing when prohibiting the delivery within the Commonwealth nursery stock, fruits, plants, and parts thereof from outside the Commonwealth. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow the public to comment on the addition of the following plants to MDAR's prohibited plant list, which identifies those plants that are restricted and/or prohibited from entry into the Commonwealth:

Actinidia argute (Hardy kiwi)
Butomus umbellatus (Flowering rush)
Salix atrocinera (Large gray willow)
Salix cinera (Rusty willow)

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following date and time at the respective designated location:

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Richard Cronin Building, Room 110, Westborough, MA for a public hearing to be held on January 10, 2017, at 10:00 am.

*Please note that the Richard Cronin Building is a state office building and all visitors to need to check in at the reception desk when they arrive and sign out again before they leave.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted before and at the Hearing. MDAR will continue to accept written comments until January 10, 2017 at 5:00 pm. Written comments should be addressed to Taryn LaScola, Director, Division of Crop and Pest Services, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114.

A hard copy of the background information on the above listed plants may be made available upon request.

By: John Lebeaux, Commissioner